

Mayor and City Council Update April 9, 2021



To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
CC: Department Heads

Library

Feelin' the Love – A regular library customer took the time to drop off muffins and a thank you note for staff this week. Now that the library has re-opened to public visits, the customer wanted the library to know how much she appreciated the months of Curbside Service the library offered. She wrote, "Having the library and pick up services available during this unprecedented year has filled our time of social distancing with the magic of Narnia, Hogwarts and so much more." Thank you for your kind words and yummy treats, Ms Baker!

LinkedIn Learning – The **Lynda.com** service the library has subscribed to for years will be upgrading to "**LinkedIn Learning**" on **Monday, April 12**. The service may be unavailable for much of the day during the migration. This just-in-time learning tool will look very similar to the Lynda service we are all used to, but it is expanding the number of courses offered. Additionally, courses will be available in seven different languages. Users will continue to log in with their Smyrna Library card number and PIN, but the link will change on Monday. Please check the smyrna-library.com website for the new link to bookmark.



Museum

The Smyrna Museum is scheduled to be closed on Friday, April 9 and Saturday, April 10. We will reopen on Tuesday, April 13.

The Museum is making plans for a spring spruce-up to the exterior building and grounds. We will be working with the Building Department and Public Works to make the museum an even more inviting place for visitors.

Museum Manager Jennie Eldredge continues to work remotely, and Cameron Nesmith is at the museum.

The Museum conducted 4 tours and helped 2 people with historical searches last week.

Department of Environmental Services (KSB)

Recycling Center:

Hours: Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 8am-4pm and Thursday, 10am-6pm.

We have a new Recycling Center Coordinator! After 11 years as the coordinator, Kathy Chapman retired on March 31st. Jerod Stewart, who has been a Recycling Center Attendant for the past 5 years, has been promoted to the role.

March Recycling Stats: 78,118 lbs. of material recycled and 1809 patrons.

Keep Smyrna Beautiful:

We're continuing with the Great American Cleanup and holding increased Community Cleanups throughout the city. We had a cleanup on April 5th on small portions Hawthorne Ave and Roswell Road. Volunteers picked up 62 lbs. of litter (16 lbs. of which were recycled). In March, 7 volunteers picked up 371 lbs. of recycling including 118 lbs. that were recycled off four Smyrna roads. So far in 2021, 19 volunteers have picked up 784.4 lbs. of litter off 10 Smyrna streets and we've been able to recycle 170 lbs. of that. Upcoming cleanup dates: April 14th, 24th, and 28th.

Our quarterly Adopt-a-Mile litter cleanup is on April 17th. Groups will pick up litter around the city on their designated mile.

Environmental Services:

We're still working on marketing and expanding the Hefty EnergyBag Program to Smyrna residents. Starter kits are available for pickup at the recycling center. So far 1,795 kits have been given out.

Parks & Recreation

Brawner Hall has gotten some beautiful updates of pressure washing, painting and new roofing outside and is currently refreshing the inside with some new furniture ideas. The conference room received new chairs to brighten the space. In addition some new tables and linens are on order.



Quotes are being received for a HVAC replacement at Aunt Fanny's Cabin. It will be much cooler for visitors this summer.

North Cooper Lake Bike Park will be the host site of two Mountain Bike Clinics coming April 17. Participants may join in the morning session, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm or get started in the afternoon from 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm.



The children's Easter Egg Hunt rescheduled due to weather is this Friday, April 9 at Tolleson Park. Any family that paid but cannot attend has received an "egg hunt bag" with eggs full of goodies.

Spring Break Mobile Rec camp is April 5-9. An average of four campers per day have registered and are enjoying fun activities all week in various park locations.

Parks & Recreation will host Summer Camp 2021. The camp will feature many of the same activities enjoyed in the past, but with a few less campers joining in each session. More details coming soon.

The Smyrna Handmade Market plans are coming together, and vendor applications are open.



Program staff will attend a GRPA hosted Programmers Workshop April 14. These workshops offer fresh ideas from other organizations about possible programs and exciting ways to keep citizens engaged in activities.

Parks Maintenance staff worked at Chuck Camp to repair a broken railing system on the bleachers at Field 1, as well as completed sod and leveling repairs at the same field. Bartlett Field at Brinkley also received sod and leveling repairs.

Parks staff continues to spot spray weeds throughout the city's parks to keep them beautiful and weed free.

The Wolfe Center Therapy pool continues to have water, lap swim and aquatic classes daily from 8:00 am thru 6:00 pm Monday -Thursday and 8:00 am - noon on Friday. Classes are also being offered in the Wolfe Center each day with maximum participation.

The Community Center continues classes and fitness opportunities every day, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm.

The American Red Cross will host another Blood Drive soon. Find details here for donating. Many need donations right now, so do take advantage of the opportunity to help, if you can.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive Information

Please review the following information :

Date :	6/1/2021
Start Time :	02:00 PM
End Time :	07:00 PM
Where :	Smyrna Team Smyrna Community Center
Address :	200 Village Green Circle, , Smyrna, GA 30081

Public Works

Public Works Water/Sewer Division: Water Sewer has started up the yearly sewer modeling to ensure that all sanitary sewer main lines that take the bulk of the flow in the city is sufficient to carry all the flows from all Current and new development, this consist of sub basins 1,4,5,6, have been completed. Staff currently evaluating data. Remaining basins will undergo flow monitoring, once these basins have been completed this will ensure the city has adequate capacity for future growth. This year should complete the sewer model for the City not only to ensure growth but to suffice the North Metro District Audit. Project 50% complete.

Sewer crew proceeding in ward 7 with preventative maintenance and sonar of the sewer systems to ensure sewer flow is not impeded and pipe is in good condition. Crews work from ward to ward until the city is completed. Once all data is collected Public Works management staff will evaluate conditions to put together future predictions of repairs and replacements. Overall project in Ward 7, 70% completed. Project on hold due to yearly calibrations on software.

Water sewer meter change out program will start back this month and will consist of 3,500 meters and 1,400 dials to be changed out from March 2021 to March 2022, this is a joint effort between Water Distribution Office and Utility Billing. Once this round of meters has been changed out to the new allegro meter it will bring our full meter change out to roughly 8,900 meters. In 2023 the project will be completed with the remaining 5,000 to upgrade to allegro. Once we have successfully changed all mechanical meters to the digital allegro meter this will allow the City to progress into **Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)**, which is an integrated system of smart meters, communications networks, and data management systems that enables two-way communication between utilities and customers.

<https://www.mastermeter.com/wp-content/uploads/Allegro-AMI-Endpoint-Family.pdf>

Public Works street division: Street department has completed installation of high back curbing on Pinetree Drive, not only to define and widen roadway but to give sheet flow a pathway to lead into stormwater system. Project 85% complete. Back filling and landscaping have begun.

Street department is currently upgrading island at entrance Creatwood Trail. This upgrade consists of removing old landscaping, repouring, and defining island with new curbing. New fresh bushes and trees to match existing islands around the City.

Street department also working on curb and gutter repair to this coming year paving list. These repairs must be made before roadway is paved to decrease the damage to the newly paved areas around the city.

Public Works fleet Division: Fleet is currently working on the yearly surplus of 11 vehicles on Gov deals website. All vehicles and equipment will be auctioned off through the website to other cities and counties along with individuals interested in the surplus inventory the city will have. <https://www.govdeals.com/>

Public Works South Cobb Drive Water line Project Phase II: The projects scope of work intel's of installing new 8-inch and 12-inch water main lines on the east and west sides of South Cobb Drive from Benson Poole Road to Concord Road. The contractor is installing water main on the westside of South Cobb Drive heading north toward Benson Poole Road where the contractor has completed the second of several tie in points.

SPLOST

Windy Hill Boulevard: Baldwin is installing temporary road and parts of the permanent road on the western end of the project near South Cobb Drive. Baldwin has started installing storm drain from Old Spring Road toward South Cobb Drive. The traffic signal contractor has completed all the required temporary signal work for the preparation of phase II of the Windy Hill Boulevard project. Baldwin is working on the transition into the new roadway at Ventura Road and will be installing new curb, gutter, and sidewalk. All the side streets that are not paved yet are all scheduled to be paved starting April 12th. Over the next couple of weeks Baldwin will be moving to the eastern end of the project to complete the transition in front of the 24-hour tire store and Taco T's. for the transition of traffic on to the new roadway.

Police Department

Total number of arrests:	48
Total number of citations issued:	217
Total number of warning citations:	124
Total number of calls for service:	1650

Fire Department

Incidents

Fire: 4
Medical: 67
Other: 38
Total: 109

This week, three of our Firefighter Recruits completed their live fire training portion of recruit school. The day is long, and the training is very intense, but is a favorite of many in class. The training is used to simulate the environments that firefighters will face when they respond to house fires throughout the city.



Community Development

Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building Remodel/Residential	14	\$376,466	2: Addition 3: Interior 1: Pool 8: Re-roof
Building New/Residential	8	\$1,731,903	1: 535 Benmac Rd 7: Cumberland Station
Building Remodel/Commercial	2	\$19,500	1: Cell Tower – 3075 Jonquil Dr 1: Construction Trailer – Kiddie Academy (3383 S Cobb Dr)
Electrical	3	-	-
HAVC	8	-	-
Plumbing	1	-	-
Signs	1	-	1: Wall – 5 Star Beauty (3240 S Cobb Dr, Ste 700)
Grading	37	\$2,127,869	

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	183	84

NEW BUSINESSES

<u>WARD</u>	<u>DBA</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>HOME/COMMER</u>
2	EP REALTY GROUP INC	REAL ESTATE - RESIDENTIAL - OFFICE ONLY	2101 LAKE PARK DR, APT G	H
6	CAROLINA HEMP COMPANY	RETAIL TRADE	4585 S COBB DR SE, STE 500	C
7	RADIGENCE SECURITY LLC	CONSULTING - OFFICE ONLY	652 VININGS ESTATES DR SE	H
7	BLUE ISLAND CONSTRUCTION CONSULTANTS	BUILDING CONSTRUCTIO - OFFICE ONLY	6177 INDIAN WOOD CIR SE	H
6	CURT JOHNSON LLC	CLEANING SERVICE - OFFICE ONLY	3512 VININGS NORTH CT SE	H
7	THE INTERN, LLC	HUMAN RESOURCES CONSULTING & STAFFING - OFFICE ONLY	1565 OAKDALE BLUFFS DR SE	H
3	TOP DOG PRESSURE WASHING	CLEANING SERVICE - OFFICE ONLY	1579 SPRINGLEAF POINT SE	H